(b) As per the modifications announced by the Government in June, 1999, (i) the conversion fee will be computable on the basis of land rates of 1987 and this concession is available till 27.12.99; (ii) premium free leases and all residential leases irrespective of size, are covered under the scheme. However, conversion fee in respect of premium free leases will be charged on the basis of prevailing land rates as notified by the Government; (iii) In cases of leases with land area upto 50 sqms. where no conversion fee is envisaged, the conversion from leasehold to freehold will be made through a general notification.

(c) and (d) The scheme is optional and open ended and will be available to the lessees beyond 27.12.99 also. However, the conversion fee will be payable on the basis of then prevailing land rates as applicable on the date of submission of application.

Unauthorised Constructions in the Capital

1208. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to take action against those officials under whom unauthorised constructions have taken place;

(b) if so, whether the officials, in connivance with the builder mafias and police, have given rise to such unauthorised constructions in the Capital; and

(c) what concrete steps Government propose to take with regard to the nexus of builder mafia and officials or police?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Whenever any complaints is received by the local body or DDA regarding unauthorised construction, the matter is looked into and necessary action taken. The Central Government have also issued directions to the local bodies including DDA from time to time to take action against officials under whose jurisdiction the unauthorised construction takes place.